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The Honorable Dan Burton U.S. House of Representatives 2411 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Burton:

This is in reply to your letter of May 6, 1994, on behalf of your constituent, Dave Elliott, Director of Clinton County Emergency Medical Services, who is interested in the implementation of Enhanced 911 (E-911) technology in the Personal Communication Services industry.

On September 23, 1993, the Commission adopted a <u>Second Report and Order</u> in GEN Docket No. 90-314 that established rules for new Personal Communications Services (PCS). In this <u>Order</u>, we urged the PCS industry and standards-setting bodies to "direct particular attention [to] offering an emergency 911 capability that would work with enhanced-911 systems (E-911) and, to the extent feasible, permit locating a caller in situations where the caller is unable to state his location." Also, we indicated that we were contemplating the initiation of a future rule making proceeding "to address E-911 and related issues with regard to PCS, cellular, and any other relevant mobile service."

In response to our <u>Order</u>, the Texas Attorney General's Office filed a Petition for Reconsideration requesting that we require PCS licensees to provide E-911 service as a condition of license, and that we require development of a single, uniform standard for PCS E-911 service. There were a number of comments filed in support of Texas' petition. Several companies expressed concern about the potentially significant added costs of providing precise E-911 location information, as well as the delays that an FCC mandate for providing such information could bring to PCS development.

We are carefully considering the Texas petition and the comments filed in response to it. Because of the importance of this issue, we are considering the initiation of a separate rule making proceeding later this year dedicated exclusively to the E-911 capabilities of mobile telephone services. Such a proceeding would allow us to fully address all regulatory aspects of E-911, and to develop the most fair and effective regulations possible. In the meantime, a joint industry group consisting of representatives from the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (APCO), the National Emergency Number Association (NENA), and the Personal Communications Industry Association (PCIA), have been working to develop a common position on how PCS E-911 service should be implemented. We expect the results of those discussions to be filed with the Commission shortly.

No. of Copies rec'd Copus List ABCDE We appreciate your constituent's thoughts on this important topic and have added them, along with your letter, to the record in the PCS proceeding.

Sincerely,

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May 6, 1994

The Honorable James H. Quello Acting Chairman Federal Communications Commission 1919 M Street N.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Mr. Quello:

Enclosed is correspondence I have received regarding a policy issue under the jurisdiction of your agency. Because this issue is administrative and not legislative, I am referring this to you for your consideration.

After you and other appropriate officials have had an opportunity to review this matter, I would appreciate a written response. Please direct your reply to David Laughter of my Washington office.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Dan Burton

Your Member of Congress

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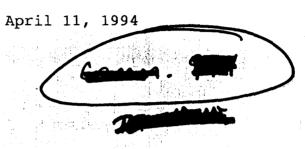
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Congressman Dan Burton 120 Cannon Building Washington, D.C. 20515



Dear Congressman Burton:

I am writing to you to ask your support to provide a wireless service, Personal Communication Services (P.C.S.), that will ensure the safety of the user of that service. I am one of your constituents and I work in the field of public safety as a Firefighter/E.M.T. Personal Communication Services is about to become a reality and we in Public Safety have a great concern for its ability to protect its user.

Let me set the scene for you:

ENHANCE 9-1-1 SERVICE

You are at home, an emergency arises, you simply dial 9-1-1. Your call is answered by a call taker at your emergency center. Along with that call comes vital information; i.e. name, address, city, zip, telephone number, date, time of day and the public safety agencies (fire, police and EMS) that cover your address. Response is quick. Dispatch is almost immediate and your loved one is treated.

P.C.S. WIRELESS SERVICE

You take your small telephone unit with you and go for a walk in the park. While a mile or so away, you become violently ill. You take out your small telephone and dial 9-1-1. The call taker in your emergency center answers but has no idea of where you are. If you are unable to speak -- well you can see the obvious consequences.

I hasten to add that cellular service, as we know it today, in almost all cases provides neither the calling number nor the location of the caller.

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Re: P.C.S. Wireless Service

This is a national issue. Within one to three years this service will begin to seriously affect wired telephone service. People will remove their residence lines to reduce cost and use wireless and pay air time.

I want you as my representative, to have the F.C.C. take the necessary steps to mandate exact physical location of a caller that uses wireless service, and to provide the same life saving capabilities as enhanced 9-1-1 service now provides to our residential and business communities.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Dave Elliott, Director Clinton County EMS

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